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SUBJ: FONMIN'S UNREPORTED COMMENTS ON US

1. ON JULY 27, FONMIN CHAVAN PROVIDED OFF-THE-RECORD BRIEFING TO PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN FOREIGN POLICY. NONE OF THE FONMIN'S REMARKS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS WERE PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY AS THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SUMMARIZED BY CHAVAN ON-THE-RECORD TO THE PRESS, AND THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE US AT ALL.

2. A FRIENDLY AND RELIABLE SOURCE, A CONGRESS MP WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING, TOLD EMBOFFS AUGUST 13, HOWEVER, THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE LAST HALF-DOZEN YEARS (SO FAR AS HE COULD RECALL), FONMIN'S BRIEFING AT ONE OF THESE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE SESSIONS HAD BEEN TOTALLY POSITIVE ON INDO-US RELATIONS. CHAVAN WAS ASKED ABOUT CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS AND SAID THEY WERE GOOD AND GETTING EVEN BETTER. HE HELD OUT POSITIVE EXPECTATIONS, BOTH ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND MADE NO REFERENCE TO ANY OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS OR INDIAN CONCERNS. THERE WERE NO PROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS FROM MPS AND CPI MPS WERE COMPLETELY SILENT.

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT IS SOMEWHAT STRANGE THAT CHAVAN APPARENTLY DECIDED NOT TO REFER TO US IN HIS BACKGROUNDER FOR THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETING, WE ARE IMPRESSED BY HIS WILLINGNESS IN PRIVATE AND BEFORE A MIXED BAG OF CONGRESS AND OPPOSITION MPS TO TAKE AS POSITIVE A TONE AS OUR SOURCE TELLS US HE DID.
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